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Docket No. 212532US0X

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Mike FARWICK et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
SERIAL NO.: 09/950,071 : EXAMINER: C. Fronda
FILED: September 12, 2001 :
FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 27-37.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein has the activity of the RodA cell division protein.

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11. An isolated polynucleotide, which comprises SEQ ID NO:1 and encodes a protein which has the activity of the RodA cell division protein.